AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace existing paragraph 0031 with the following new paragraph:

[0031] Figures 9A and 9B depict an alternative construction for a packer assembly 10' that features an alternate exemplary release sub mechanism. The exemplary packer assembly 10' is identical to the exemplary packer assembly 10 in all respects, except where noted. A release sub 66' is used in place of the release sub 66 described previously. The alternative release sub 66' is illustrated apart from other components in Figures 10, 11, and 12. The alternative release sub 66' features an annular body 68' with an axially-extending wedge-shaped expander as the releasing portion 70'. Figure 9B illustrates the releasing portion 70' proximate the body lock ring 60. As illustrated in Figures 9B and 10, the releasing portion 70' features converging side edge surfaces 90, 92, which will adjoin diverging side edge surfaces 94, 96 of the split 61 on the body lock ring 60. As the release sub 66' is moved axially upwardly (in the direction of arrow ~~94~~ 95 in Figure 9B), the converging side surfaces 90, 92 will urge the split 61 to open wider, thereby increasing the diameter of the body lock ring 60.